

Savannah State University
Savannah, Georgia

The One Hundred Sixty Fifth
Commencement



Lux et Veritas

Saturday, December Eleventh
Two Thousand Four

Ten O'Clock A. M.
Tiger Arena
Savannah State University

Order of Procession

The Chief Marshal

The Class Marshals

Candidates for Master's Degrees

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Faculty Emeriti

The Faculty

The Presidential Party

The academic regalia, the academic procession, and the ceremonial program are part of an ancient tradition of learning. This tradition is a unified, solemn occasion at which only applause is appropriate.

The audience is asked to refrain from any other form of expression and to reserve celebrations until the program is concluded.

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Order of Service

*Dr. Carlton E. Brown,
President Presiding*

PRELUDE "Largo" Handel
Professor Nan Poole Spicer, Organist

*ACADEMIC PROCESSION "War March of the Priests" Felix Mendelssohn
Professor Nan Poole Spicer, Organist

INVOCATION Reverend Dr. Wilson Scott, Jr.
Pastor, Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

SELECTION..... "Praise, Oh Praise Jehovah!" L. O. Potter
The Savannah State University Alumni Men's Glee Club
Co-directors, Rose O. Smith and Lawrence Hutchins

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM

GUESTS AND SPEAKER Dr. Carlton E. Brown

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Dr. N. Joyce Payne
Director, Human Resources and Minority Programs
for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges

SELECTION "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. by Wilhousky
The Savannah State University Alumni Men's Glee Club

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR THE MASTER OF

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE Dr. George N. Williams
Dean of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR THE MASTER OF

SOCIAL WORK DEGREE Dr. George N. Williams

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE

IN MARINE SCIENCE DEGREE Dr. George N. Williams

CONFERRING OF MASTER'S DEGREES Dr. Carlton E. Brown

Assisted by Mr. Matthew Latson, Registrar
and Dr. Charles J. Elmore, Professor of Humanities and
Chairman, Department of Mass Communications

INTRODUCTION

OF UNDERGRADUATE DEANS Dr. Joseph H. Silver, Sr.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

College of Business Administration Dr. Mostafa H. Sarhan, Dean
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Dr. Jane Gates, Dean
College of Sciences and Technology Dr. Babajide Familoni, Dean

CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES Dr. Carlton E. Brown
 Assisted by the Academic Deans,
 Mr. Matthew Latson, Registrar
 and Dr. Charles J. Elmore, Professor of Humanities and
 Chairman, Department of Mass Communications

PRESIDENT'S CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES. Dr. Carlton E. Brown

ALUMNI INDUCTION Dr. Percy A. Mack
 President, Savannah State University National Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF ARMY RESERVE OFFICERS
 TRAINING CORPS CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSION.....LTC William C. Gillespie

COMMISSIONING OF OFFICER
 Reading the Commissioning Document.....Dr. George N. Williams
 Dean, Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research
 and Faculty Representative to NROTC

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE.....LTC William C. Gillespie

ALMA MATER* Ms. Nan Poole Spicer, Organist

BENEDICTION Reverend Dr. Wilson Scott, Jr.

RECESSIONAL** "Pomp and Circumstance" Sir Edward Elgar
 Professor Nan Poole Spicer, Organist

Savannah State College Hymn

J. Randolph Fisher and Hillary Hatchett

Let us give thanks and praise to Thee
 To our Alma Mater, S.S.C.
 Thine honor, pride, and eminence,
 We raise in prayerful reverence.

Guide us still from day to day,
 Be Thou mindful lest we lose our way;
 Help us know that life, short or long,
 Means unceasing work for weak and strong.

Refrain

Where Savannah meets the sea,
 Where grassy plains and palms abound,
 Where the Flow'rs are gems of loveliness,
 There S.S.C. is found.
 We adore each beauteous scene and hall,
 Our all we pledge to Thee!
 In our hearts we'll build a shrine for Thee
 We hail Thee, S.S.C.!

*The audience is requested to stand.

**The audience is requested to sit and to remain seated until the recession has exited.

Master's Degrees Conferred
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
Master of Public Administration

Marty Joe Alexander	Savannah State University
Daniel L. Enzmann	College of Charleston
Tewana Corinthia LeCounte-Young	Chatham College
Sharmonique Latisha McDaniel	Savannah State University
Jael Odhiambo McLemore	Savannah State University
Jeffrey Bernard Roberson	Savannah State University
Bobby Erastus Roberts, Jr.	Morris Brown College
Kwame Shiroya	Armstrong Atlantic State University

Master of Social Work

Lauren Chamberlain Aguilon	Armstrong Atlantic State University
Jill Ann Barefoot	University of Georgia
Shelia Ann-Chaffin Baxley	Brewton Parker College
Cynthia B. McIver	Savannah State University
Deborah Ann Williams Sawyer	University of Alabama
Jonathan L. Walthour	Brewton Parker College
Barbara Griffin Webb	Georgia Southern University

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY
Master of Science in Marine Science

Jody Frost	Kennesaw State University
Erin L. Pulster	University of Rhode Island

Baccalaureate Degree Conferred
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS
Accounting

Damien S. Brown	Eastman, Georgia
*Melessa Joy Bryant	Midway, Georgia
*Kathleen Pierce Carellas	Savannah, Georgia
Ricardo E. Castillo	Miami, Florida
*Tina Way Corbell	Savannah, Georgia
LaTonia Kasia Curry	Freeport, Bahamas
Charlene Denise Da Souza	St. Mary's, Georgia

***Summa Cum Laude

**Magna Cum Laude

*Cum Laude

!In Absentia

**Tiffany Latrice Haynes	Albany, Georgia
**Christopher Crawford Kemp	Nassau, Bahamas
Antonio Irvin Vaughn	Morrow, Georgia
Phyllis Bush Williams	Savannah, Georgia

Computer Information Systems

Paul Franklin Berksteiner	Savannah, Georgia
*Danielle L. Bush-Hillery	Savannah, Georgia
Courtney Nicole Edwards	Savannah, Georgia
Aqueelah Terrell Gray	Macon, Georgia
Emily C. Greene	Rincon, Georgia
Troy Victor Guillory	Ft. Washington, Maryland
*Charleen Willette Harden	Guyton, Georgia
Terrance Antoan Harris	Augusta, Georgia
Lakia Lachelle Hubbard	Jeffersonville, Georgia
Drashonda S. Ingram	Chicago, Illinois
Keziah L. Inniss	Pooler, Georgia
Richard Dean Lundy III	Decatur, Georgia
Antonio Rodriquez Marion	Dublin, Georgia
*Teronica Latrelle Miller	Soperton, Georgia
Angela Latrice Milner	Fairburn, Georgia
Michelle Denise Moore	Savannah, Georgia
!Terrence Akil Myles	Savannah, Georgia
*Altovise Sturdivant	Savannah, Georgia
Johnny Williams, Jr.	Decatur, Georgia

Management

Ozell Lyn Banks II	Thunderbolt, Georgia
Janie W. Brooks	Savannah, Georgia
TaNesha Dannette Rene Chaplin	Savannah, Georgia
Tawana Necole Gibbs	Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina
Jermaine Antione Gilley	East Point, Georgia
Hawa Edith Lansanah	Norcross, Georgia
Nikeisha Marlovouise Simpson	Savannah, Georgia
LaTasha Tennerson	Savannah, Georgia
Rodney Scott Thomas	Macon, Georgia
Allen DeGuzman Williams	Savannah, Georgia

Marketing

Willis Blake	Savannah, Georgia
Charis Melba Brown	Savannah, Georgia
Steward Dondi Clinton	Lithonia, Georgia
Miranda Ean Fitzpatrick	Macon, Georgia
Crystal Dionne Freeman	Riverdale, Georgia
Stacy LeAnn Helton	Rockmart, Georgia
Siaka M. Hill	Macon, Georgia
*Latravius Deonta Johnson	Cordele, Georgia
Timothy Jubar Paige	Martinez, Georgia
Tawfiq A. Ramsey	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Charleeta S. Richardson	Washington, Georgia
Karlos Rashard Roberts	Savannah, Georgia
Starlet Jasmine Ware	Dublin, Georgia
Brian Jamaal Williamson	Columbus, Georgia

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

English Language and Literature

Christopher L. Daniel	College Park, Georgia
Vondra Vanessa Mackie	Aiken, South Carolina
Anita Valaria Matchett	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
**Lekita Shantell McKennie	Savannah, Georgia
Tomika Nikita Woodson	Columbus, Georgia

Mass Communications

*Hadara Zemira Brown	Lithonia, Georgia
*Tiffany Quoshauna Bullock	Conley, Georgia
Jazmyn Kathleen Evans	Norcross, Georgia
Ashley Quartez Sims	Locust Grove, Georgia
Tara LaTese Tyson	Americus, Georgia
*Shanika Michelle Walker	Savannah, Georgia
Rahsheim Ahmad Wright	Forestville, Maryland

Music

Richard Van Frazier III	Savannah, Georgia
*Timothy Titus Hill	Savannah, Georgia
Randall Keith Williams	Savannah, Georgia

***Summa Cum Laude

**Magna Cum Laude

*Cum Laude

!In Absentia

Recreation and Park Administration

Brian LaKeith Fisher	Columbus, Georgia
Matthew Gunn	Social Circle, Georgia
Anthony LaMont Judson	Hinesville, Georgia
Kara Tiffany Peterkin Reddick	Pikesville, Maryland
Keith Ferrero Strong	Athens, Georgia

History

Daisy Burnett-Jones	Savannah, Georgia
Derick Lawrence Cunningham	Savannah, Georgia
**Sharif Abdul Deveaux	Fayetteville, North Carolina
Shomari Lateef Gilford	Savannah, Georgia
Cheryl Denise Holmes	Savannah, Georgia
Sheri Anissa Johnson	Stone Mountain, Georgia
*Barbara Delores Price	Savannah, Georgia
Anita Roberts	Savannah, Georgia

Criminal Justice

Samantha Nicole Ayers	Macon, Georgia
Ashanti Rashida Bellamy	Hardeeville, South Carolina
DeLeah Regina Blake	Savannah, Georgia
!Kennisha N. Davenport	Cincinnati, Ohio
*Charmeian Denise Edwards	Columbus, Georgia
Kentrell Jarvarias Fields	Green Pond, South Carolina
Tiffany Marie Golden	Rex, Georgia
Christy Renee Haynes	Savannah, Georgia
Ricardo Antwan Newman	Lithonia, Georgia
LouBrenda Hendrix Stephens	Savannah, Georgia
Kamilah Masani Traylor	San Jose, California

Political Science

***Shelly Jermaine Barnes	Savannah, Georgia
Byron LaMont Duvernay	Hinesville, Georgia
NaTisha Shanta Maxwell	Savannah, Georgia

Sociology

Alice Mitchell Allen	St. Augustine, Florida		
Anthony Lorenzo Bacon	Savannah, Georgia		
**Robin Elizabeth Cohen	Savannah, Georgia		
*Natasha Falaine Johnson	Savannah, Georgia		
Marquenita Eyvette Kitchens	Savannah, Georgia		
Karra Latrice Land	Little Rock, Arkansas		
Lekeya Nichole Legree Pressley	Savannah, Georgia		
***Summa Cum Laude	**Magna Cum Laude	*Cum Laude	!In Absentia

Kristen Nicole Settle
*Melanie Charise Thompson
Stephanie Nicole Williams

Kennesaw, Georgia
Savannah, Georgia
Douglas, Georgia

Social Work

Mary Louise Peters

Savannah, Georgia

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Biology

!Stephen Le'Darrell Culver
Rinata Daniel
Bryan Christopher Ellis
***Josephine C. Heinz
*Richard Hodges, Jr.
Quinita Shantell Martin
Danielle Monique Moore
Robert Jason Armand Settle
***Nena Catherine Strachan

Mableton, Georgia
Griffin, Georgia
Savannah, Georgia
Accra, Ghana
Columbus, Georgia
Savannah, Georgia
Riverdale, Georgia
Kennesaw, Georgia
Savannah, Georgia

Marine Science

***Benjamin Francis Maher

Savannah, Georgia

Environmental Science

Monica Yvette Murchison
!Ade O. Oni
Nicola Evelyn Outlaw
Dynesha D. Reeves
Kina Odessa Reynolds

Savannah, Georgia
Savannah, Georgia
Savannah, Georgia
Savannah, Georgia
Savannah, Georgia

Chemistry

**Destiny Latrice Allen
Darkus Elizabeth Jenkins

Hazlehurst, Georgia
Savannah, Georgia

Computer Science Technology

Natasha Patrice Andrews
**Chastity Bianca Biggers
Yasmin Lenisha Brooker
Milton Damarcus Fisher
Frank Deyon George

Milledgeville, Georgia
Columbus, Georgia
Savannah, Georgia
Decatur, Georgia
Blakely, Georgia

***Summa Cum Laude

**Magna Cum Laude

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!In Absentia

Catressa Kelle Gooden	Albany, Georgia
*Harold Cleveland Hackstall, Jr.	Riegelwood, North Carolina
Tyquan Spencer Johnson	Decatur, Georgia
**!Debbie A. Lewis	Savannah, Georgia
Avery Allen Reynolds	East Point, Georgia
Desmond LaMont Smalls	Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

Electronics Engineering Technology

Marvin Christopher Bynoe	Savannah, Georgia
**Linda Quinisa Dave	Augusta, Georgia
*Alexus Lloyd Terrence Green	Marietta, Georgia
*Crystal Tamiko Martin	Dublin, Georgia
Jodi A. Martin	Freeport, Grand Bahamas
LeDon A. Sanders	Warner Robins, Georgia

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Jermaine Edward Jones	College Park, Georgia
*Jonathan Corey Ross	Augusta, Georgia
*William Henry Westbrooks I	Savannah, Georgia

NOTE: Appearance of names on any list in this program must not be considered as conclusive evidence of graduation. Persons who have met all requirements for a particular degree and whose names appear on the lists in this program will receive the degree indicated.

Honor Graduates
Summa Cum Laude
(3.75 - 4.00)

Shelly Jermaine Barnes
Nena Catherina Strachan

Josephine C. Heinz

Magna Cum Laude
(3.40 - 3.74)

Destiny Latrice Allen
Chastity Bianca Biggers
Robin Elizabeth Cohen
Linda Quinisa Dave
Sharif Abdul Deveaux

Tiffany Latrice Haynes
Christopher Crawford Kemp
Debbie A. Lewis
Benjamin Francis Maher
Lekita Shantell McKennie

Cum Laude
(3.00 - 3.39)

Hadara Zemira Brown
Melessa Joy Bryant
Tiffany Quoshauna Bullock
Danielle L. Bush-Hillery
Kathleen Pierce Carellas
Tina Way Corbell
Charmeian Denise Edwards
Alexus Lloyd Terrence Green
Harold Cleveland Hackstall, Jr.
Charleen Willette Harden
Timothy Titus Hill

Richard Hodges, Jr.
Latravius Deonta Johnson
Natasha Falaine Johnson
Crystal Tamiko Martin
Teronica Latrelle Miller
Danielle Monique Moore
Barbara Delores Price
Jonathan Corey Ross
Altovise Sturdivant
Melanie Charise Thompson
Shanika Michelle Walker
William Henry Westbrooks I

The Significance of the Academic Mace

Observing the centuries-old convocation procedures, each Marshal in the Savannah State University Academic Procession carries an official mace which is indicative of the power, dignity, and magisterium vested in the University. The mace is a club-shaped staff that originated in the Middle Ages as a weapon. Eventually, it gained a ceremonial character and is presently employed most often by legislative forums and academic enterprises.

The official mace and stand of Savannah State University were designed and made from mahogany wood by Dr. Ernest S. Brown, Associate Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering Technology.

The University motto is "Lux Et Veritas" (Light and Truth).

Academic Costumes

Modern academic dress has evolved from a type of apparel prescribed by English Medieval Universities to distinguish their schools from the lay person in dress at a time when everybody wore robes or gowns. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel a half century ago, it seemed best to agree on some definite system which all might follow. Accordingly, this attire has consisted of the cap, the gown, and the hood, the latter two now differing according to the degree the wearer has received.

The modern cap, in academic dress, has the same design for all degrees: black and square-shaped with a tassel hanging from the center. However, the color of the tassel usually differentiates the field of study for which the degree was granted, the gold tassel being worn by doctors or by presidents of colleges and universities; but it may be added that the black tassel is correct for all degrees.

The gown, unlike the cap, differs appreciably in design according to the degree conferred on the wearer. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degrees, worn open or closed, has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctor's gown, worn open or closed, has long sleeves faced with velvet; three bars of velvet are midway the sleeves. The trimmings of the doctor's gown may be black or the color associated with the field of study.

The hood, while not an article of dress, is however, the most distinctive feature of the academic attire. It is a black, crow-shaped badge or adornment with an oval opening and worn down the back. It enables one to quickly determine not only the degree held by the wearer but also the college or university from which he is graduated. The colors lining the hood and the size and the shape of the hood make this distinction. The bachelor's and master's hoods are three feet and three and a half feet in length, respectively; the doctor's hood is four feet in length and is made with a wide panel. Hoods may be worn for only those degrees actually held by the wearers.

Members of the governing body of a college or university, and they only, whatever their degrees may be, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

In some colleges and universities, it is customary for the president, chancellor, or chief officer to wear a costume similar to that worn by the head of a foreign university.

The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the color associated with different subjects as prescribed by the revised American Intercollegiate Code is as follows:

Arts, Letters, Humanities.	White	Oratory (Speech).	Silver Gray
Business.	Drab	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Education	Sage Green
Education	Light Blue	Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Law	Purple	Science.	Golden Yellow
Library Science	Lemon	Social Work.	Citron
Music	Pink	Theology.	Scarlet

At Savannah State University, the lining of the hood has an orange chevron on a blue background to represent school colors. A faculty member wears the color of his alma mater.

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